



FROM NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS
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Chapter III
It was evident that I had not seriously wounded the Emperor's pride. He was not without difficulty, supported by his aide, who explained briefly that they had entered the Chateau to demand a surrender. I had opposed entrance, and that without provocation had violently attacked the Emperor. To this version the Emperor weakly agreed. The Kaiser, however, was not so easily satisfied.

"You say my Colonel insulted the lady?" I asked. "Including in his glance, Alms, who stood at the altar?" "Including in his glance, Alms, who stood at the altar?" "Including in his glance, Alms, who stood at the altar?"

"The Kaiser's features became set in an iron mask. He said sternly, addressing the Colonel, who cringed before this rebuke. 'I have looked upon you as a man of the least common sense. You are under arrest. You will return to your quarters and await further orders.' He then turned to the Emperor, who was attended by his surgeon. You may go."

"I ran to Alms and took her in my arms, comforting her in the way of a soldier. She also seemed to be in a state of collapse. She was quite serene, expressing an eagerness to see the Kaiser's presence. 'To be sure, a grand man, but I should not dignify my magnificent beard with what she saw in his eyes. And oh, how she loved me!' she said, patting my cheeks. 'How like a lion you were! How like a lion you were! How like a lion you were!'

"I dashed not break the period of silence that followed, though my anxiety was increasing. The Emperor spoke, answering the question that was uppermost in my mind. 'Fine shooting,' he looked out suddenly. 'It was Gerstner's bullet that brought them down—the scintillating gun himself. He tells me, the Emperor, that he aimed for the Emperor's head, but it was an unlucky trip for the Emperor.' The Emperor smiled. 'The two Frenchmen? Then they did not venture an injury.' 'And what became of the bag?' 'Oh, it blew away to the northeast. I suppose it fell in some Prussian field. He was thankful. Then they did not know. For had those evitable Germans guessed that I was with Martin and Reichen, becoming the German advance, they would have branded me for a spy and my life would not have been worth a penny.

"I was heartily glad when the conversation changed and the incident of the balloon was forgotten. Moreover I was eager to learn something of the military situation. The French were known to be far to the southwest—forty miles or more away—

their right resting on Bar-le-Duc, their left at the camp at Chateau. They gave the support of an extensive area of wooded hills to the left, and right, and the river, with its high banks, of the river in front extended the great Catinian plain. It was an admirable position, and one of great natural strength. Therefore they showed no disposition to advance, preferring, apparently, to wait attack by their opponent, though all northern France lay open to the invaders. All that day and the next the Germans continued to arrive, crossing the Meuse, ascending the heights, and moving westward. Some two hundred thousand of the flower of the army were there, actually treading French soil, ready for whatever might come. Infantry, artillery, cavalry, splendidly equipped and augmented. It seemed to me that they must prove unconquerable; that they would advance with irresistible determination. That France would inevitably be compelled to sue for peace.

WOMAN DIPLOMAT IN JAPAN.
Wife of First Russian Ambassador to Japan is Daughter of American General.

Russia has resumed diplomatic relations with Japan and the first woman diplomat there, from the court of the 'Car, is the daughter of a prominent



American General. She is Mme. Bakimoff, wife of the first Russian ambassador to Japan and has accompanied her husband to his distant post. She is a daughter of the late General Beale, with a wide acquaintance in Washington, both in the resident and diplomatic circles. During her stay in several of the capitals of Europe she has done much for charity in what ever way it was presented. Her manner is bright and animated, and she is thoroughly representative of her native America wherever she happens to be.

Mrs. Senator Knox Makes Butter.
Far out of the common run of presents is the kind of gift Mrs. P. C. Knox makes now and then to certain of her closest friends. Not? No Pictures? Pshaw. Jewels? Never? Just dainty little cases, holding each five pounds of butter.

No grocery stuff this, but from the Knox dairy, and immensely proud of it is the wife of the Senator from Pennsylvania. About three years ago her eldest son, Reed Knox, elected to be a farmer, and his parents established him on a rich stretch of land near the famous Valley Forge. The Senator and Mrs. Knox are delighted with rural life and spend much time on the farm. Mrs. Knox suffered from nervous trouble, so she canceled her social engagements and retired to Valley Forge. She spent the summer and autumn in the dairy, superintending the milking and churning, and at odd times she read advanced works on the subject.

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Singers Who Dict.
Nearly all singers have some curious facts about their voices and what aids or injuries them. Mollie, whose name is well known, has a very interesting story to tell. She says that she has a very interesting story to tell. She says that she has a very interesting story to tell.

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A recent list of New York City's eighty-one commercial banks, with the latest prices bid for the \$100 shares of each, shows that only one stock is offered at par. All the other eighty stocks are bid for at a premium, the prices offered ranging from \$110 for three or four, to \$120 for one stock. Other very high prices are \$3,000, \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$1,500, one of each. Only twenty-one of the eighty-one stocks are bid for at prices below \$300. Forty-one range from \$200 to \$500 and twelve from \$500 to \$1,000.

The Pic Bell Broadening.
New England is losing her lead in one of her most time honored industries. A fiber factory down in Maine shipped 4,000,000 pie plates last week. Two million of these went to Providence, R. I., which is within the old-time pie belt, but of the rest, 1,000,000 went to Baltimore and the fourth million to Seattle.

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